Review of Sri Lanka policy of India

*267. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has made an indepth review of its policy on Sri Lanka in the wake of reports of Sri Lankan Tamils facing murders and atrocities and a major action by the armed forces in which 100 Tamils were killed recently; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) In the light of developments which take place in respect of the ethnic problem in Sri Lankan. Government remains in continuous touch with the situation and determines what is reactions should be. Government's policy however has remained constant. We believe that there can be no military solution. Violence and killings should stop. A political solution must be found as early as possible which is acceptable to all concerned.

Confessions obtained by the Punjab Government from the Extremists

*268. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government have furnished to the Centre Confessions obtained from the extremists regarding Pakistan's complicity in terrorists activities, their training in Pakistan camps and their infiltration into the country to carry out secessionist activities despite Pakistan's continuous denial of its involvement in the training of extremists; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Punjab, some terrorists apprehended by them had, during interrogation, disclosed that they had been subjected to training in the handling of small arms and were provided with arms/ammunitions and funds by Pakistan.

@-269. (Transferred to the 18th March, 1986].

Seeking of Asylum in UK by Extremists from India

*270. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : SHRI KALPNATH RAI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that some extremists from India have sought asylum in the UK;

(b) whether the UK Government has granted asylum to them;

(c) whether India has strongly protested to the UK Government in the matter; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of that Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Governments are usually averse to disclose information on asylum seekers. But, independently, we understand that the UK Government has granted asylum to some anti-Indian extremists.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The UK Government has not been helpful or cooperative in the matter, pleading inability to take action due to their legal system.

Bills passed by State Legislatures pending President's Assent

*271. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Bills passed by State/Union Territory Legisla-

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